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Legislative Session of Kumbham 1103.

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Monday, the *15th of Kumbham 1103.* / *27th of February 1928.*

The second sitting of the Legislative session of the Cochin Legislative Council of 1103 commenced in the Rama Varma Town Hall, Ernakulam, at 11-30 a. m. on Monday, the 15th of Kumbham 1103 corresponding to the 27th of February 1928, when M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar Avl., M.A., B.L., the Diwan of Cochin and *ex-officio* President of the Council, presided. All the Members except Messrs. Lonappan Chakkola, Rao Sahib T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar, P. Kunju Muhammad Haji, Poulo Mampilli, K. T. Mathew, S. F Nunez, C. A. Ouseph, K. S. Rama Ayyar, K. Sankaran Nambudiri and A. K. Thoma were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Grant of extension of service and increments in pay to certain officers and teachers in the Educational Department.

139. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

1. when was Mr. V. K. Achyuta Menon due to retire ;

2. was any extension granted to him ; if so, for what period ; and for what reasons ;

3. (a) was there any petition for extension from Mr. V. K. Achyuta Menon ;

(b) if so, will the Government be pleased to place it on the table ;

4. who were the persons whose chances for promotion to higher grades suffered as the result of this extension ;

5. (a) were petitions received by the Government, from Messrs. K. N. Pai and P. S. Ramakrishna Ayyar for the same kind of compensation as was given to Mr. V. K. Achyuta Menon at the extension of the service of Mr. V. R. Venkateswara Ayyar;

(b) if so, what action was taken on those petitions ;

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(c) will the Government be pleased to place on the table those petitions and the orders thereon;

6. (a) did Mr. C. Raman Menon request the Government to allow him to draw the maximum of his grade;

(b) was his prayer granted;

(c) if not, why not;

(d) will the Government be pleased to place on the table his application and the order thereon ?

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2. Yes, for one year. In the interests of the service.

3. (a) Yes.

(b) Government do not think that any public interest will be served by placing the petition on the table.

4. Not possible to make a definite statement.

5. (a) & (b) The question pre-supposes that Mr. Achyuta Menon was accorded some compensation when Mr. Venkateswara Ayyar was granted an extension of service. Government are not aware of such a compensation having been allowed. Messrs. K. N. Pai and P. S. Ramakrishna Ayyar had petitioned for higher pay, but their requests were not granted.

(c) Vide 3 (b).

6. (a) Yes.

(b) No; as he was already given two increments in advance.

(c) Government did not think that anything more was necessary.

(d) Vide 3 (b).

140. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

1. did Messrs. M. K. Gopala Menon, M. A. Krishna Ayyar and N. P. Easwara Ayyar apply for extension like Mr. V. K. Achyuta Menon;

2. (a) were they granted their requests;

(b) if not, why not;

(c) will the Government be pleased to place on the table their petitions and the orders thereon;

3. (a) did the public of Trippunittura petition the Government to get Mr. Easwara Ayyar's service extended for another year;

(b) if so, what action did the Government take on the petition;

(c) will the Government be pleased to place on the table the petition and the orders thereon ?

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2. (a) No.

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(b) No relaxation of the rule was considered necessary in their case.

(c) Government do not think that any public interest will be served by placing the papers on the table.

3. (a) Yes.

(b) The petition was considered, and it was decided that no re-consideration of the order was necessary.

(c) Vide 2 (c).

Half-time system in schools.

141. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of schools, both Government and aided, in which the half-time system is in force at present;

(2) will the Government be pleased to state the number of schools in which the half-time system has been abolished after the introduction of the same;

(3) will the Government be pleased to state the number of petitions, reports and public resolutions that have been received by the Government and the Education Department for abolishing the system on account of the various defects of the same;

(4) will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received a resolution of the All-Cochin Aided School Managers' Association requesting the Government to discontinue this new system;

(5) will the Government be pleased to state whether they have the information that the Travancore Government tried this new system and abandoned the same since it was found defective;

(6) will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government had made any change in the salary of those teachers, who are forced to work for one hour more on account of the introduction of the half time system;

(7) will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made any change in the syllabus of studies for the classes when brought under the half-time system;

(8) will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received the resolution of the Annual Meeting of the Cochin Teachers' Association requesting the Government to discontinue the new system;

(9) will the Government be pleased to state the approximate amount of money that has been gained by the Government on account of the introduction of this new system?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) One hundred and seventy four.

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